GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:824
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TREATMENT IN AIIMS TRAUMA CENTRE
Singh Shri Uday

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sweepers at the Trauma Centre at AIIMS are authorized to provide injection and even stitch the wounds of the accident victims as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 06 the May, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to inquire into such Acts of AIIMS authorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government against such acts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Authorising sweepers to provide injection and stitching wounds of patients does not arise. In AIIMS Voluntary Social Workers are provided to the centre by Sulabh International Social Services Organisation and these voluntary social workers are not "Sweepers" as reported in the above mentioned news in HT dated 06/05/2008. AIIMS has stated that these social workers assist the Doctors, Nurses and other staff of the centre in their work and are not directly involved in the patient care activities, in any way. The Institute has further stated that the Report in the Hindustan Times that the "Sweepers" working in JPNAT Centre are involved in suturing wound and giving injection are totally baseless.

(c)&(d) Does not arise.